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[Lack of new compact leaves casino owners antsy](#)

Standoff between tribe and state leaves Flathead Reservation gaming in limbo
The Associated Press

POLSON — Casino operators on the Flathead Indian Reservation are anxiously awaiting word on whether they'll be allowed to continue offering most gambling after Nov. 30. The state and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have yet to agree on a new gambling compact to replace the one that expires at midnight on Nov. 30. Without a new compact in place, businesses that offer most types of gambling on the reservation, including electronic keno and poker machines, will have to suspend the games.

[Global Gaming Expo updates](#)

What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas -- except when it comes to G2E. Check in for a recap of the conference.

[Room to Roam](#)

By Kristi Albertson - The Daily Inter Lake

On a ranch just outside Browning, the sound of thundering hooves echoes across the prairie. Small herds of Spanish mustangs gallop across the windswept plains, tails streaming behind them.

[De La Salle Blackfeet School gets \\$1 million](#)

By KIM SKORNOGOSKI - Tribune Staff Writer

BROWNING — For the last six years, Brother Paul Ackerman has kept the De La Salle Blackfeet School alive by shaking trees to get enough \$25 and \$50 donations. So imagine his surprise when, after a brief phone conversation last spring, a Michigan man dedicated to helping Native Americans get a quality education donated \$1 million to the school — no strings attached.

[Local student picked the national Christmas tree](#)

By Nate Traylor - Leader Staff

Jana Shinn, who was born in Polson and attended Cherry Valley elementary school, selected this year's Capitol Christmas tree and will present it to Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, on Dec. 6 for the lighting ceremony. The tree will have 10,000 lights and 3,000 ornaments and will stand on the Capitol lawn until Jan. 1, 2007.

Native American Indian Heritage Month Comes and Goes with Little Fanfare

Washington University, St. Louis

Newswise — Nearly every federal policy directed toward Native Americans since the time of America's discovery has been a policy of either annihilation or assimilation. For this reason, Native Americans have not been fully recognized as vibrant, valued and productive, says Dana Klar, J.D., founding and interim director of the Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies at Washington University in St. Louis. "Our government has sent the message, 'We've been able to assimilate you. Why separate you?'" This paradox, says Klar, helps to explain why Native American Indian Heritage month, which began Nov. 1, often comes and goes with very little fanfare.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL SERVICES, POSITION #61166522, State of Montana, Montana Lottery, Helena. Salary \$38,964 to \$48,706 DOQ. This position is responsible for accounting, budgeting and managing daily office functions. Application deadline: Monday December 11, 2006. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at

http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=149

CONSUMER FINANCE EXAMINER, POSITION #61103619, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$32,533 to \$48,800 DOQ. This position examines consumer finance companies to ensure licensee compliance with state and federal laws. Extensive overnight travel required. Application deadline: Friday December 8, 2006. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at

http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=147

COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYST, POSITION #61166732, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$47,612 to \$56,538 DOQ. This position provides both technical and functional support for the State's Legislative Budget Development System (MBARS). May also provide support for PeopleSoft applications. Application deadline: Monday December 11, 2006. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at <http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?>